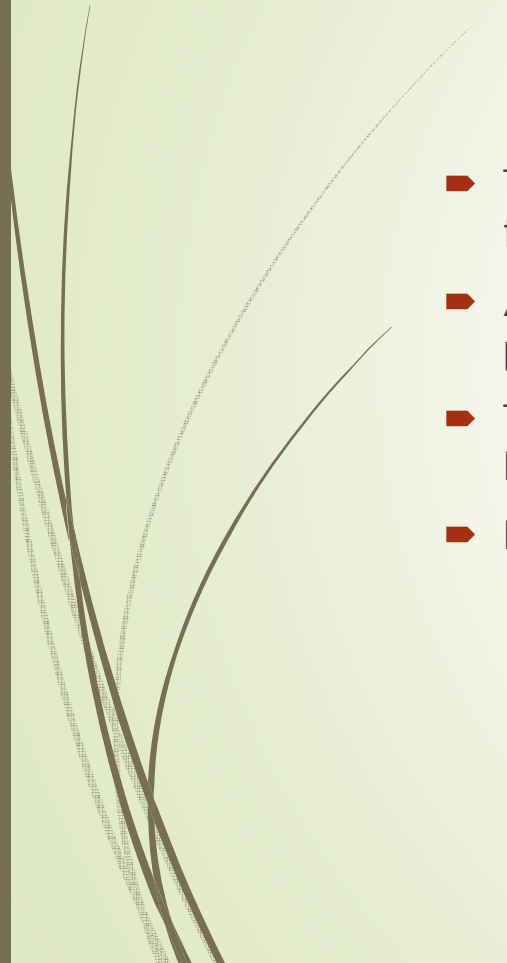


# THERAP GENERAL EVENT REPORTS





# THERAP

- Therap is a cloud-based electronic records tool with a wide range of functions
  - A Therap license has been purchased for all DD specialized serviced providers by the State of Nebraska
  - Therap's General Event Reports (GER) system is mandated for all Nebraska DD specialized service providers
  - Provides a wealth of easily accessible data across the state
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# Notification Levels

- 3 Notification Levels of a GER – High, Medium and Low


Notification Level	Timelines for Reporting Incidents
<b>High</b> <b>*Note: High notification level should be used ONLY for incidents reportable to the state.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Verbally</u> report to Service Coordinator immediately upon the Contractor becoming aware of the incident.</li><li>• <u>Submit</u> a report in Therap within 24 hours of becoming aware of the incident occurring Monday through Thursday, and by 5 p.m. Monday for those incidents occurring Friday, Saturday, or Sunday.</li><li>• <u>Approve</u> the report in Therap within 48 hours of submitting the report.</li></ul>
Medium	Medium and Low categorizations should not be used for any reportable incident. Policies for these are determined by the provider agency.
Low	

# Event Information

- Documentation of an Event Date
- An Explanation of what happened before the event
- Location of the incident



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Event Information" in a yellow header box. In the top right corner, there is a "Jump to" link and a green question mark icon. The form contains several fields: "Event Date" with the value "11/04/2012", "If not at responsible program:" with a dropdown menu showing "- Please Select -", and "If Other:" with an empty text box. A red arrow points to the label "Describe what happened before the event:", which is followed by a large text area containing the placeholder text "Description of what happened before the event occurred.". At the bottom left of the text area, it says "About 2946 characters left".



# Event Type

- Predetermined definition types for those reporting the incident to select
  - Injury
  - Medication Error
  - Emergency Safety Intervention
  - Restraint Other
  - Death
  - Other



# Event Type Levels and Sub-Types

- Next part of the form is dependent on the type of GER selected
- GERs can be more than one type, and the form will adjust to the selection
- Certain Events are always High GERs including
  - Emergency Safety Intervention
  - Restraint Other
  - Death
- Injury has 31 different sub-types
  - 17 different causes of injury
  - Certain injuries are always “High” GERs
- Other has 25 sub-types

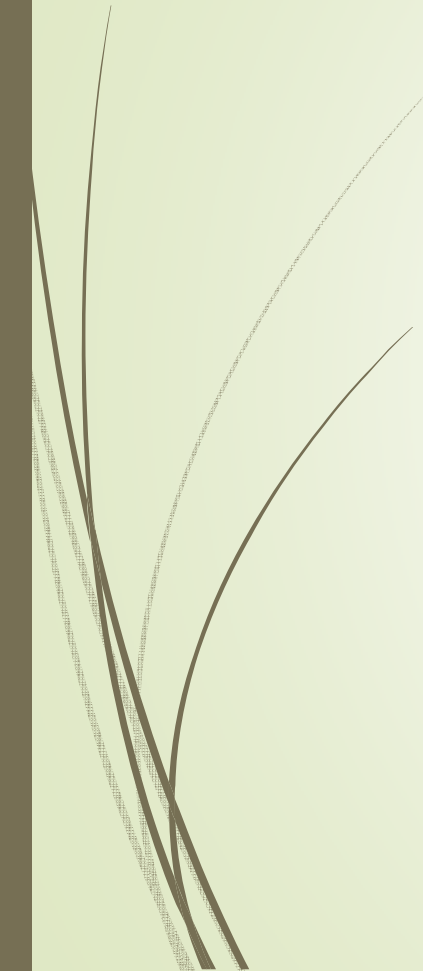
# General GER Information

- All GERs ask if Abuse is suspected, Neglect is suspected or if Exploitation is suspected
  - If Yes, the GER is automatically categorized as “High”

General Information		Jump to ?
Abuse Suspected?:	No	
Type of Abuse:		
Neglect Suspected?:	No	
Type of Neglect:		
Exploitation Suspected?:	No	
Type of Exploitation:		



# Additional Form Information

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- Information is given on who has been notified of the GER and who has reviewed that GER and when
  - Comments section for Corrective Actions Taken and Plan of Future Corrective Action
  - Ability to electronically attach a photograph or other meaningful documentation associated with the GER





# SERVICE COORDINATION MONITORING INSTRUCTIONS



# Service Coordination Monitoring Form

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- Rights
  - Habilitation
  - Financial
  - Service Needs
  - **Health & Safety**
  - **Home/Work Environment**
  - Individual's Input
  - Follow up



# What does Monitoring Focus on?

- Monitoring is to assure that the services and supports in the plan are occurring as developed by the team. Collaboration between team members is necessary to achieve the individual's desired outcomes.
- **Monitoring will also focus on health and safety, environmental factors, personal well-being and issues related to community integration.**
- Additionally, monitoring reviews the Plan to determine if it is working and identifies when revisions may be needed.



# Required Annual ISP or Semi Annual ISP Monitoring

- Monitoring must be completed with the individual in the location where vocational and/or residential services are received. Any exceptions to this need to be approved by Service Coordination supervisors.
- Documentation of all monitorings is to be completed using the DDSC-37 monitoring form.
- A full monitoring review using the DDSC-37 Monitoring form is required to occur within 60 days after the start of the annual ISP year and within 60 days after the Semi Annual ISP review meeting. The Service Coordinator should observe at least one habilitation program in each setting for individuals in specialized services and conduct a review of all program data.



# Ongoing Monitoring



- Ongoing Monitoring may occur at any time and will be documented on the DDSC-37 monitoring form. Follow-up contacts will be scheduled as needed by SC's to ensure concerns noted in previous monitoring are corrected.
- When a contact with or on behalf of an individual relates to a monitoring issue, the DDSC-37 Monitoring form must be used.
- When completing an ongoing monitoring, not all sections of the DDSC-37 Monitoring form needs to be completed. The SC will complete only the items on the form that were observed or are being addressed at the time of the on-going monitoring
- SC's are encouraged to monitor for quality services as well as concerns throughout the ISP year.

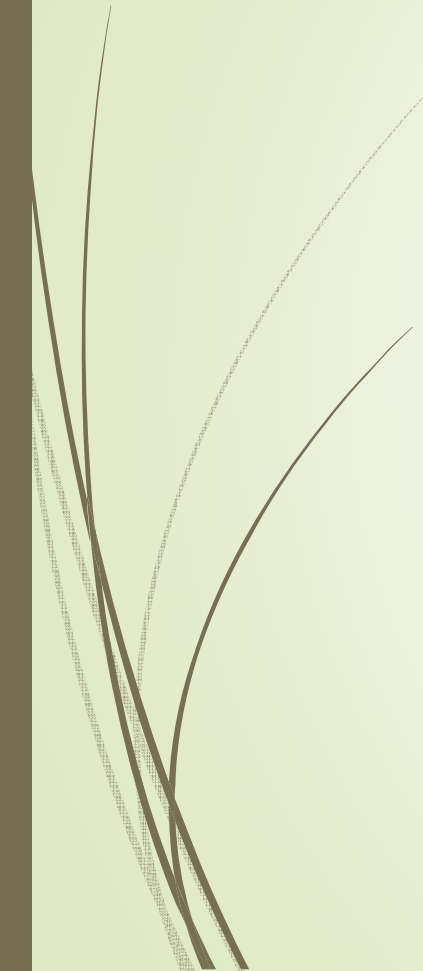



# To dos while conducting a monitoring

- The SC will want to talk with the individual. General questions such as: How do they feel things are going? Do they have any questions or concerns? Do they feel they are making progress towards their outcomes?
- The SC should take a look around: are the interactions between staff and the individual appropriate and positive? What are the conditions of the environment? Does it smell clean? Is it organized? Is it accessible for the individual?
- Additionally, a meaningful contact should be documented in service coordination narratives/case notes.



## If Concerns arise while completing the Monitoring

- Concerns will be discussed with the provider support staff who is working with the individual. If at any time it is noted that supports or services are not being provided as noted in the plan, the SC will speak directly to the provider staff on duty to reach a resolution.
  - Anytime a “No” is marked on the monitoring form, a written response is required. The provider will have up to 10 calendar days to respond to the SC in writing.
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## Process after completion of a Monitoring Form

- The SC will return to the office and make sure the form is filled out accurately and is written in objective language.
- The DDSC-37 Monitoring form will be distributed to the appropriate provider staff within three working days of the review. A narrative will be written and included in the individual's electronic records file referencing the details of the monitoring.
- The SC will notify their Supervisor so that their supervisor is aware it is completed and for tracking purposes.





# When a written response is received

- When a written response is received, the SC will review it to ensure that the action taken will correct the problem. The response is then up loaded to SharePoint.
  - The SC will want to reference this at their next site visit to make sure the corrective actions are working to solve the issue.
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## If a response is not received or a response is inadequate

- If the response was inadequate or no response is received, the SC will copy the written documentation of noted concerns and send it to his/her immediate supervisor for further direction.
- The SC will document in the narratives/case notes.
- The SC and the SCS will work to resolve the issue with the provider. All actions taken to resolve the issue will be documented in contact narratives/case notes.
- If the SC and SCS are unable to resolve the issue within 10 days of the response being sent to the supervisor, the SCS will copy the written documentation of noted concerns and send it to the Service Coordination Administrator of Services for follow-up and further direction.
- If trends show that the problems are recurring (such as "no ongoing habilitation provided," "programs not implemented as written," services and supports are not provided as outlined in the ISP. etc.), the SC will work with the SCS to follow the complaint process.



# Review of the Monitoring Form

- <http://apps-dhhs.ne.gov/ddqa/>